(b) No comprehensive study has been undertaken and hence no estimate is available. However, a Multi -Centred Study on Drug Abuse Amongst Students' was commissioned in four metropolitan cities and five other cities. According to the preliminary report received in regard to the study, the results show a decline in the prevalence rates amongst the students in general.

(c) A variety of measures are being taken by the Government to deal with the problem of drug abuse, such as, counselling and guidance, de-addiction, rehabilitation and awareness building programmes. Voluntary organisations are also being involved in providing the above services and in creating awarness among various sections of society, including the student community and youth. Training programmes are being organised for various governmental and non-governmental functionaries on a regular basis to make them aware of the dangers of drug abuse, so that they can help in controlling the problem at community level.

Centre for Training in Wheat Production Technology in Ludhiana

1496. SHRl HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to set up an advanced centre of training in wheat production technology at Ludhiana in Punjab;

(b) if so, by when the proposed centre will be set up; and

(c) to what extent the centre will guide farmers to make the production of wheat by latest technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Yes Sir, there is a proposal to set up an advanced centre of training in wheat production technology at Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana in Punjab.

(b) At present, the exact date of setting up of the proposed centre cannot be anticipated.

(c) This centre when established will be training Agricultural Extension personnel from Punjab and other wheat growing States. The Agricultural Extension personnel thus trained will train other field extension functionaries who in turn will train farmers in latest methods and techniques of wheat production technology.

FCI Official Suspended for corruption

1497. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state-.

(a) the number of officials of the Food Corporation of India suspended during the last three years for malpractices and corruption, zone-wise;

(b) whether any legal action has been taken against them, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of them who have since been dismissed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a)

North Zone	.....	431
South Zone	.....	76
East Zone	.....	193
West Zone	.....	100
Hqrs.	.....	24

(b) Action against such officials is taken in accordance with departmental rules and, wherever called for, prosecutions are launched.

(c) 44.